House Resolution No. 2989

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, Jim Douglas took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Pat, on April 10, 1954, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place at the Nazarene Church in Grand Junction, Colorado; and

Whereas, Jim and Pat Douglas celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary five decades later on April 17, 2004, with an open house at the Community Church in their hometown of Martinsburg; and

Whereas, the loving relationship of Jim and Pat Douglas has been blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Cherry, who is married to Bruce Pasley; Billie Sue, who is married to Ron Regain; Patricia, who is married to Brent Wilson; and Connie Douglas; and

Whereas, Jim and Pat Douglas also have welcomed into their family the presence of twelve wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Jim Douglas contributed to the financial well-being of his wife and children through his forty-one-year-long endeavors with Farmers Elevator in Martinsburg, where he semi-retired nine years ago to begin working part-time, and through twenty-five years of farming; and

Whereas, in addition to her activities as a wife and mother, Pat Douglas helped support her loved ones through employment at nursing homes in Wellsville and New Florence; and

Whereas, during his younger years Jim Douglas was known for his baseball skills as an amateur player and then as a semi-pro member of the United States Air Force Kurtland Flyers team from 1950 to 1954; and

Whereas, Pat Douglas shares a love for travel with her husband, who admires the precision and creativity embodied in her sewing projects:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, successful marriage of Jim and Pat Douglas and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jim and Pat Douglas of Martinsburg, Missouri.

Offered by _

Representative Terry L. Witte District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2989, adopted May 12, 2004.